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## OFFICER DEMORTIERS SLAIN ON BEAT

LIBERTY BONDS  
OVERSUBSCRIBED  
BY OVER \$50,000Total Amount Pledged in  
Cape County is  
\$508,850.CAPE COUNTY SETS  
RECORD IN S. E. MO.City Alone Furnished \$375,300—  
County's Allotment Was  
\$457,000.

The Liberty loan campaign in Cape Girardeau county was brought to a close yesterday evening with the total subscriptions amounting to \$508,850 or \$51,000 in excess of the county's allotment, it was announced yesterday evening by D'Neen Stafford and H. L. Albert who were in charge of the campaign in Cape Girardeau county. This amount set a record for the entire southeastern section of the state, approximately \$250,000 more than any other county in Southeast Missouri reported at the closing of the campaign.

The city of Cape Girardeau furnished \$375,300 of the aggregate amount of subscriptions in Cape Girardeau county. The five banks took a total of \$158,000 of the bonds. The subscriptions were as follows: Southeast Missouri Trust Co., \$75,000; First National Bank, \$50,000; Sturdivant Bank, \$25,000; Farmers and Merchants Bank, \$5,000 and the Cape Exchange Bank, \$3,000.

Jackson and other towns in the county reported a total of \$133,100, with the Cape County Savings Bank leading with a total of \$47,300. This amount includes the bank's individual subscription and the bonds pledged by the patrons of the bank. The People's National Bank in Jackson is second on the list of the county's banks with a total of \$10,000. The bank of Oak Ridge reported the largest amount in the county outside of Jackson, namely \$15,000.

The ten teams of the Commercial Club made a special effort yesterday to increase the subscriptions with the result that about \$75,000 worth of bonds were sold during the last day of the campaign. The leaders of the campaign were elated by the gratifying results of their work and by the willingness with which the citizens offered their financial assistance to help Cape Girardeau county establish a record for this section of the state.

Of the other counties in Southeast Missouri, Scott was second on the list of subscriptions. The total amount subscribed in that county was \$250,000. Although this county is reputed to have the richest men in Southeast Missouri the total pledges were far behind the aggregate amount obtained in Cape Girardeau county.

Mississippi county contributed \$175,000 to the sale of the Liberty bonds during the campaign, Pemiscot county, \$150,000 and Dunklin county, the same amount.

Ripley county which was expected to raise \$45,000 exceeded this amount by about \$5,000 Mr. Stafford told The Tribune last night. He said the success in that county was largely due to the efforts of the ladies in Doniphan, the county seat of Ripley county. A booth was erected on a public square in that city and every day the ladies were urging the citizens to subscribe to the bonds. A boy scout bugler was kept in front of the booth during the campaign inspiring more enthusiasm by his presence.

Mr. Stafford who is chairman of the district comprising Southeast Missouri issued a statement yesterday evening extending his thanks to everyone who aided the campaign by subscribing to the Liberty bonds.

The following is a complete list of the subscriptions reported until late yesterday evening to Mr. Albert, secretary of the Liberty Loan organization:

U. S. SOLDIERS IN  
ACTIVE FIGHT ON  
WESTERN FRONTFirst American Gun Dis-  
charged on German  
LineTEUTONS CAPTURE  
60,000 ITALIANSEnglish And French Continue To  
Make Steady Gains In  
Flanders

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Oct. 27.—American troops are in the first line trenches on the French front. The artillery fired the first shot of the war at 6 o'clock on the morning of a recent day at a German working party. There has been intermittent artillery fighting since.

Helmeted artillery marched in without the knowledge of the enemy, on the same night, through rain and mud. The French soldiers in the trenches welcomed them enthusiastically. The nearest enemy trench is several hundred yards away. The sector is one of the quietest on the front. It has not been taken over, being under the control of troops under the direction of the French.

The Americans have shelled German positions and troops, the enemy sending shell for shell. The case of the first American shell was sent to President Wilson.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Belief that the Liberty loan total surely had passed \$4,000,000,000 and that the full \$5,000,000,000 would be subscribed, possibly with a margin to spare, was expressed by treasury officials.

PARIS, Oct. 27.—Continuing their offensive in Belgium, French troops have captured German trenches north of the objectives reached yesterday, the War Office announces.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—British troops have made further progress west of Passchendaele, east of Ypres, says the official announcement from Marshall Haig today. Two German counter attacks were repulsed during the night and the ground gained yesterday was consolidated.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—News dispatches disclose that Field Marshal Mackensen is present during the Austro-German drive against Italy. The London newspapers view the situation in that theater with anxiety.

A British correspondent on the Italian front says: "Italy is about to meet single-handed almost the entire Austrian Army and to bear alone the burden."

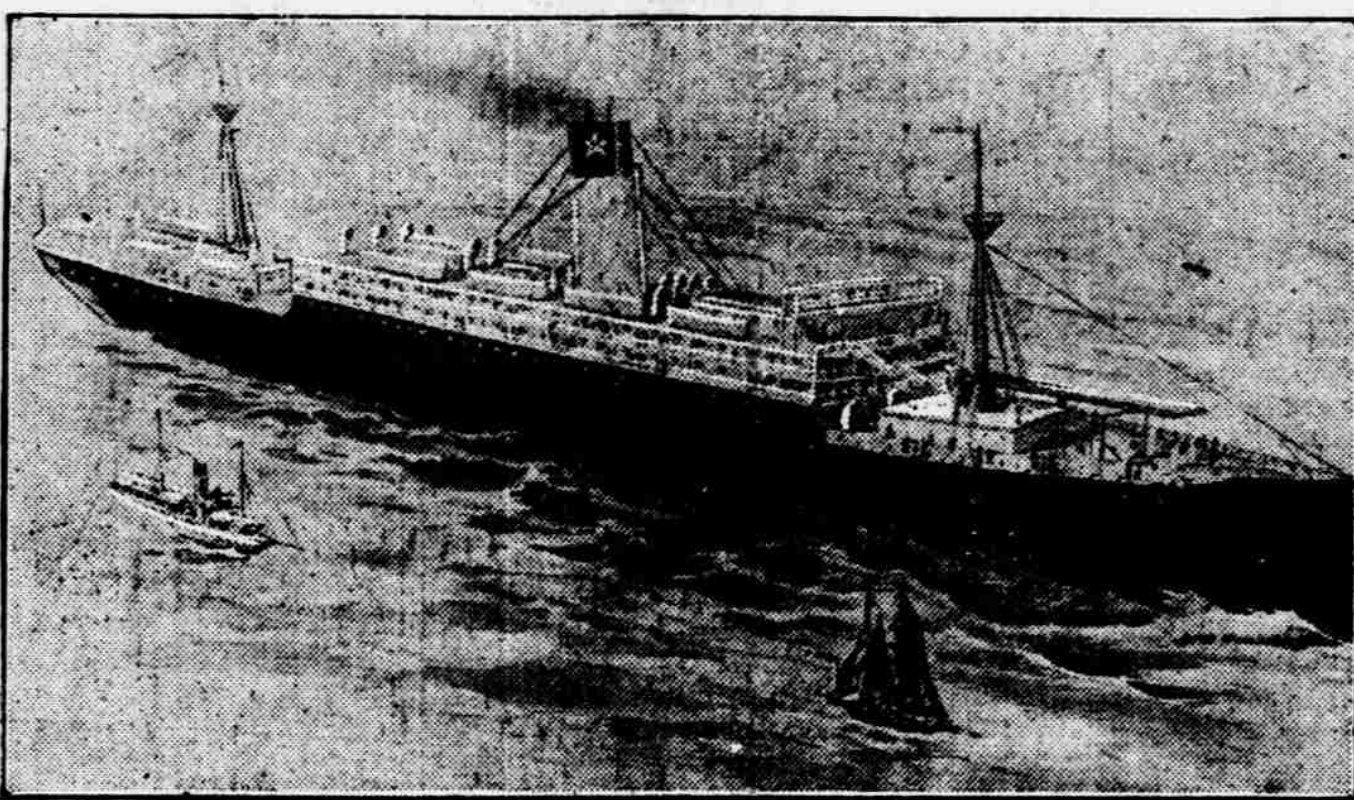
BERLIN via London, Oct. 27.—Sixty thousand Italians have been taken by the Austrian-German forces in their offensive on the Italian front; army headquarters announced today. Guns to the number of 45 have been

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| CAPE GIRARDEAU.                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Southeast Missouri Trust Co.    | \$75,000  |
| First National Bank             | 50,000    |
| Sturdivant Bank                 | 45,500    |
| Farmers and Merchants Bank      | 5,000     |
| Cape Exchange Bank              | 5,000     |
| Commercial Club Teams.          |           |
| Sam Carter (incl. Trust Co.)    | \$114,250 |
| Julien Friant (incl. 1st N. Bk) | 90,000    |
| H. L. Albert                    | 64,150    |
| Earl G. Gramling                | 8,900     |
| C. H. Overstolz                 | 2,400     |
| Robert Nunn                     | 10,000    |
| Prof. H. S. Moore               | 9,500     |
| W. C. Bahn                      | 5,150     |
| H. A. Nussbaum                  | 7,000     |
| Boy Scouts                      | 2,000     |
| Teachers                        | 2,200     |
| Total                           | \$375,750 |

| COUNTY.                  |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Cape County Savings Bank | \$47,300  |
| Jackson Exchange         | 7,500     |
| Peoples National Bank    | 10,000    |
| Oak Ridge Bank           | 15,000    |
| Pocahontas Bank          | 9,500     |
| Appleton Bank            | 1,000     |
| Daisy                    | 10,500    |
| Gordonville              | 5,650     |
| Whitewater Bank          | 3,400     |
| Total                    | \$133,100 |

## ANTILLES, WHICH WAS SUNK BY SUBMARINE



This is the American transport Antilles, formerly of the Morgan line, which was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine while homeward bound from France. About 70 men perished.

FOOD EXPERT TO  
BE HERE TODAYBruce Kennedy of Washington  
to Speak at Jackson  
and Cape.

Bruce Kennedy of Washington, D. C., a member of the Council of National Defense and a well-known speaker, will deliver two addresses to the people of Cape Girardeau today on the question of food conservation.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon he will speak at the court house in Jackson and has expressed hope that a large crowd be present to hear his message. At 7:30 o'clock this evening he will lecture at the Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau.

Mr. Kennedy will tell the people how to preserve food and at the same time lessen the cost of living. He is one of the most prominent men now making public speeches in the interest of food conservation.

Dr. W. S. Dearmont, president of the Normal School, is a member of the food commission in Missouri, and is devoting much time and energy to the cause. It was at his solicitation that Mr. Kennedy was assigned to speak in Cape Girardeau county.

CAPE'S MILITARY  
BAND TO DISBANDResignation of Dr. Schuchert  
Will Cause Musicians to  
be Transferred.

The members of Cape Girardeau's band who joined the army as a part of Company L, will not be able to remain together as the result of Dr. C. E. Schuchert's resignation, it has been learned in the Cape.

Six members of the Cape band are to be reassigned to a regimental band now stationed on the Pacific coast. Others will be transferred to various camps over the country. These changes are to be made in the near future.

Dr. Schuchert is expected to return to the Cape within the next few days. According to reports received from the camp yesterday, he resigned because he was physically unable to continue the rigorous course of training which is required of members of the army.

When he agreed to join the army he had the assurance that in the event he was dissatisfied, he could resign. This stipulation was made to Dr. Schuchert because he was beyond the military age.

It is understood that his resignation has caused extreme regret among the Cape boys. They had hoped to be able to remain together. To be Foster, a member of the band, who

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A writ of certiorari was brought in the Common Pleas Court yesterday afternoon by Judge Edward D. Hays for the purpose of forcing Mayor Hirsch and the councilmen, who ousted Policeman Elam Masterson, two months ago, to reinstate the dismissed officer. The petition contends that the dismissal was in violation of the state law, in that the city council failed to bring any written charges against the officer and give him an opportunity to defend himself at a hearing. The petition further alleges that under these conditions Masterson is entitled to a policeman's salary until he is dismissed in the proper way.

Masterson was discharged by the city council two months ago on charges of incompetency. This action was taken after the regular council meeting had been adjourned by Mayor Hirsch, and following the meeting Masterson was notified orally by members of the council that he had been discharged.

The state law holds that an appointive or elective officer can not be dismissed except on charges made in writing and alleging incompetency or any other offense, which would constitute a just cause for removal. Before this officer is legally dismissed, Judge Hays said, he must be notified to appear for a trial and be given an opportunity to defend himself.

Masterson was not notified of any charges, but was voted out of office by the five councilmen who attended the meeting on the complaints of Chief Whitener and City Attorney Limbaugh.

The writ filed by Judge Hays asks that the proceedings of this meeting be brought into court and that they be annulled, which would automatically reinstate the dismissed officer. He maintains that the meeting was not legal and that the councilmen overstepped their authority in ousting Masterson.

The city council acted upon the advice of City Counselor Knehan who told the councilmen that an appointive officer could be dismissed at any time under the city ordinance.

departed yesterday for the training camp after spending a ten day furlough at home, informed his friends here that the band would be disbanded because of its leader's resignation.

FRISCO SUIT PUT  
OFF BY JUDGE HUCKAnnounces He Will Postpone  
Decision on Demurrer  
for Months.

The trial of the ouster suit filed against the Frisco by the city which was docketed for the present term of the Ste. Genevieve County Circuit Court, has been postponed due to the announcement of Circuit Judge Huck that he would not render his decision on the demurrer filed by the railroad against the city's petition, until the had finished the docket in other courts of his circuit. The arguments were made yesterday morning in Ste. Genevieve by N. A. Mozley and Attorney Miller of the Frisco, and City Counselor Oscar A. Knehan and George Webster, the attorney for the Cape Girardeau Commercial Club, representing the city.

The attorneys for the railroad attempted to show that the city had no cause for action against the railroad. They repudiated the franchise which was granted the old railroad by the city several years ago, on the grounds that the present Frisco system had no franchise with the city, since the re-organization of the railroad following the sale of the Frisco last year.

The attorneys contended that the franchise was terminated with this transaction and that it was not included in the terms of the sale. They claimed the railroad was permitted to operate its trains through Cape Girardeau on the strength of the franchise granted the railroad about 30 years ago by the state of Missouri and that the franchise and contract made between the railroad and the city in 1909 was not binding on the re-organized railroad.

City Counselor Knehan and Attorney Webster offset the arguments by saying that the franchise, which was granted the Frisco in 1909 by the city was an obligation which could not be eliminated from the files of the railroad which were taken over by the new organization at the time of the sale.

They compared the Cape Girardeau franchise with a mortgage on real estate, maintaining that the franchise rested on the railroad as a mortgage continued to rest upon the property even after the sale. The fact, they said, that the railroad had continued to use the streets of the city for the operation of the trains implied the acceptance of the franchise granted the railroad before it was thrown into the hands of the receiver.

The postponement of the decision on the demurrer will cause a long delay of the trial of the ouster suit. It was said that the judge would not be ready for a decision before Christmas since he has announced that he would withhold his decision until he had completed his circuit.

J.R. PARMENTER IS  
HELD IN JAIL ON  
MURDER CHARGESays He Does Not Know Why He  
Was Arrested—Claims He Was At  
Home.POLICEMAN SHOT TWICE  
DIES FEW SECONDS LATERWife Collapses When Told of  
Husband's Death—Slain Officer  
on Force Only Six Weeks.

Patrolman Albert Demortiers was shot and instantly killed yesterday evening about 11:30 o'clock while standing on the southeast corner of Broadway and Middle street, shortly after he had asked J. R. Parmenter, a wealthy retired farmer, to go home. He was shot twice, once in the head and one in the side of the neck. He dropped to the street and expired a few seconds later. He was taken to St. Francis Hospital where Dr. G. B. Schulz who was summoned by witnesses pronounced him dead.

Shortly after midnight Parmenter was arrested at his home on the southeast corner of Themis and Ellis streets and taken to the city jail where he is being held for the inquest. He refused to make a statement regarding the shooting and maintained he did not know the reason for his being arrested.

Mike O'Connell, who conducts a barber shop on Main street was one of the principal witnesses of the shooting. He told a reporter for The Tribune he had met the policeman on Broadway in front of the Oberheide poolroom and while talking to him Parmenter approached them wanting to know what they were doing on the street. The policeman ordered him to leave but Parmenter refused to comply with the order.

O'Connell accompanied the policeman down the street until he reached the corner of Broadway and Middle street where he left him. He had hardly crossed the street, he said when he heard two shots fired in rapid succession and turning, saw the policeman drop to the pavement. He saw a man whom he later identified as Parmenter walk hurriedly east on Broadway and turn in to Fountain street.

Four young men who were walking west on Broadway met the man who was later identified as Parmenter in front of the Schrader studio where he saw him pitch something into the vacant lot adjoining the studio. These young men were Gus Schmittzche, Theodore Loos, Lonnie Richard and Melvin Stephen.

The revolver, a 32 caliber Smith & Wesson, was later recovered in this vacant lot by Robert Whitelaw who had been attracted by the shooting. The weapon was taken to the police station where it is held as evidence. An examination of the revolver by a Tribune reporter revealed that the trigger had been pulled three times. The first cartridge was discharged, the second had failed to explode and the third had also been discharged. The other shells were not touched.

Immediately after the shooting a throng gathered on the corner. The wounded policeman was rushed to the hospital by George Bolz in an automobile accompanied by Policemen Hutson and Joe Baumgartner, the first to arrive on the scene. He was dead when placed in the automobile, but thinking that medical aid could be brought to the wounded man, the party took him to the hospital. In the meantime Dr. Schulz was summoned, but he found the man dead when he arrived at the hospital.

Upon receiving information of the shooting Chief of Police Whitener, Fire Chief Kraft and Firemen Harry Rabe and Charles Kassel hurried to the corner of the shooting. Upon receiving a description of the man suspected of the killing, they began to search the streets of the neighborhood but failed to find anybody answering that description.

Shortly after midnight the police went to the Parmenter home. They found him upstairs. After knocking several times they saw Parmenter appear at the head of the steps and turn on the light in the hallway, but turned the light out when told who the men were. Chief Whitener broke the plate glass window in the front door and crawled through the opening.

When the police got upstairs they found Parmenter had gone back to bed. He was taken to the station and locked up declining to say anything.

When seen at the city jail by a reporter for The Tribune Parmenter was reticent in answering. He said all he knew was that he had been arrested but was at loss to explain his arrest, as he had done nothing.

When asked whether he had been on Broadway during the evening, he answered he had been out, but had retired at 9 o'clock. In response to other questions put to him by the reporter he told him to go to his home as he wanted to sleep.

Policeman Demortiers was 39 years old on April 20. He is the first policeman slain in the Cape for many years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Louise Demortiers, and two children, a daughter 13 years old and a son 9 years old. He lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Demortiers at 419 North Boulevard. He was appointed policeman last April to succeed John Talley. After serving several months, he resigned because of the serious illness of his aged father.

Six weeks ago, after Policeman Masterson had been dismissed, Demortiers was reappointed by the city council because of the good record he had made during the first few months of service. He was regarded as one of the best police officers of the city and was a very popular man.

When the wife of the slain policeman was informed of his death she collapsed and became so hysterical that a physician had to be called. His mother was also attended by the physician.

Parmenter is a wealthy retired farmer. He owns a large farm in Stoddard county near Bloomfield. It is operated by his son. The police say that every time Parmenter was out celebrating he would boast of his wealth and what his money could do for him. He is about fifty years old.